

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2011
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The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 7:03 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Joe LeBlanc, Bob Rosch, Sue Schultz, Craig Thompson, Mike Kusch, Tim Langer, Kent Rice, Donna Vrakas, Al Zietlow

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Mary Ann Beckman, Gregg Wieczorek

Staff present: Celine Robertson, Bobbie Kinsinger, Tom Whelan, Jeremy Schlitt

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2011, Special Board meeting, the September 14, 2011, Regular Board meeting, and the September 15, 2011, Special Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 132473-132797, 201100110-201100124, 201100131-201100140, 201100143-201100150, and 201100152-201100172 in the amount of \$1,352,211.63. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –

Ms. Celine Robertson, Chinese teacher, and Ms. Bobbie Kinsinger, former gifted and talented program coordinator, shared information about the China Experience Trip they took in June with Chinese language students. John Warren and Sophia Peterson, senior students, gave a slide presentation and also shared their positive experiences from the trip and how it relates to their study of the Chinese language.

Mr. Tom Whelan and Mr. Jeremy Schlitt, technology and engineering education teachers, shared information regarding the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Gateway Academy, which was a two-week camp sponsored by Arrowhead High School during summer school in July 2011. The program was to provide middle school students the opportunity to explore STEM education and engage them in leading-edge technologies, such as robotics, aeronautics, biochemistry, rockets, eco-design, manufacturing, and alternative energy. K-8 STEM leaders, Dave Grevenkamp from North Shore Middle School, and Kelly Cottrell from North Lake School, as well as two students who attended the summer school camp, and their parents, were also present and shared positive comments regarding the STEM Gateway Academy.

Mr. Jefson distributed the minutes of the October 4, 2011, and October 10, 2011, Arrowhead Area District Administrators meetings to the Board of Education for their information.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reported on the September 22, 2011, and September 29, 2011, meetings.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the Math Department: Algebra Math Interventions (RtI) curriculum proposal as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve the World Languages Department: Chinese IV curriculum proposal as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to approve the Technology and Engineering Education Department: Engineering Design and Development curriculum proposal as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve the Technology and Engineering Education Department: Exploring Technology course name change as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the World Languages Department Concordia Language Villages Immersion “Village Weekend” field trip to Bemidji, Minnesota, on November 17-21, 2011, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

It was the consensus of the Curriculum Committee to schedule their next meetings for October 19, 2011, November 11, 2011, and November 18, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Thompson reported on the September 30, 2011, meeting.

The committee discussed the refinancing of one of the district’s long-term debt obligations and approved seeking a competitive bid sale as recommended by Robert W. Baird, Inc.

The committee also continued their discussion of P card purchasing and directed administration to draft a policy/procedure for approval by the Policy Committee and to bring a recommendation back to the Finance Committee.

The committee reviewed the 2011/2012 student enrollment numbers. The actual Third Friday in September enrollment was 2,244 students, which was 67 fewer students than projected. The 2011/2012 budget adjustments will reflect the actual student enrollment being less than projected.

A Special Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for October 21, 2011, at 7:00 a.m., to review the 2011/2012 budget adjustments and to certify the 2011/2012 tax levy.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – Chairperson Rosch reported on the October 11, 2011, meeting. The committee reviewed the early retirement cost calculation of proposed post employment benefits for eligible retirees, including: 1) those eligible to retire during the 2010/2011 school year, but chose to continue their employment; 2) those eligible to retire after the 2011/2012 school year; 3) those eligible to retire after the 2012/2013 school year, and 4) those eligible to retire after the 2013/2014 school year. This will be an item for discussion and possible action at the Special Board meeting scheduled for October 21, 2011.

Mr. Jefson reported that the Quality Assurance Team, which is comprised of 15 staff members, has their initial meeting scheduled for October 25, 2011. The first issue the team will address is the 2012/2013 school calendar.

POLICY – The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reported that the WSAA/WASB School Law Seminar is scheduled for October 14, 2011, in Madison. The WASB Fall Regional Meeting for Region 15 is scheduled for October 20, 2011, at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee, and the WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference is scheduled for November 5, 2011, in Wisconsin Dells.

CESA – Mr. Zietlow reported on the CESA #1 Board of Control meeting he attended on October 11, 2011. He also noted that the 2nd Annual Public Education Transformation Convening: Getting Learning Right the First Time – Every Time, is scheduled for November 1, 2011, in Brookfield. The event is hosted by the Institute at CESA #1 and sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the Great Lakes West Comprehensive Center, and Promethean.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Schultz to approve the contract for: Dean Ledzian (Special Education-45% prorated), and the following cocurricular contracts: Key Club – Head Advisor Ron Reichle, Asst. Advisor Deb Hartlaub; Robotics – Asst. Advisor Deb Hartlaub; Girls Field Hockey – Asst. Coaches Christine Borkenhagen, Meghan Davis-55.3%, Christine Borkenhagen-20.2%, Melissa Brengosz-14.9%, and Lauren Chatham-9.6%; Boys Basketball – Head Coach Craig Haase, Asst. Coaches Dave Conway, John Hoch-25%, Mark Leoni, Chris Klink, and Doug Wrecke-75%; Boys Ice Hockey – Head Coach Mike Watt, Asst. Coaches CJ Erickson and Ronald Chmill; Boys Swimming – Head Coach Bob Jenkyns, Asst. Coaches

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Jennifer Pollnow and Ruth Ann Ahnen; Boys Wrestling – Head Coach Jeremy Miller, Asst. Coaches – Nick Reed, Joseph Donovan-50%, and Steve Pape-50%; Girls Basketball – Head Coach Heidi Hamilton, Asst. Coaches Rick Witte, Vince Peterson, Doug Drenzek, and Cheryl Bonlender; Girls Gymnastics – Head Coach Bob Pulkowski; and Girls Ice Hockey – Head Coach Jinelle Siergiej. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch that pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(g), the Board of Education will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters:

- Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved

Roll Call Vote: Rice – aye, Kusch – aye, Schultz – aye, Rosch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Vrakas – aye, Zietlow – aye, Thompson – aye, Langer – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Thompson to move into open session.

Roll Call Vote: Kusch – aye, Langer – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Rice – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Thompson – aye, Vrakas – aye, Zietlow – aye. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk